

BRIDE ELECT'S WILL IS GOOD.

Effort to Upset the Testament of the Famous "Recluse of Bond Street" Fails in Court.

LEFT A LARGE ESTATE.

She Lived in the Old House in Bond Street Bequeathed by Her Lover, and Would Not Allow His Rooms to Be Disturbed.

The contest over the estate of the late Eliza Ann Partridge, who was a "Miss Havisham" in real life, maintaining for more than sixty years the house in Bond Street just as it was when her lover, Henry Hall Ward, died and bequeathed it to her, was on before Surrogate Thomas to-day.

Eliza Ann Partridge was eighty-seven years old when she died at her home, No. 28 West Thirty-seventh street, last October. When she was a girl she fell in love with Henry Hall Ward, but he was her cousin and her family objected to their marriage. He died shortly thereafter and was buried in the cemetery near the house No. 28 Bond Street, a stately mansion in New York's most fashionable neighborhood of that time.

True to Her Lost Love.

Miss Partridge lived in this mansion alone for thirty years, and until long after fashion had deserted that quarter for places further uptown. During all that time she kept the rooms that had been her dead lover's just as he left them, and later, a caretaker in charge was under strict injunction not to disturb Henry Hall Ward's old quarters.

Miss Partridge had been called "The Recluse of Bond Street." When she died she left this house and an estate of nearly \$300,000 to two nephews, John Partridge Jepson and Charles Edward Joseph, after the former had received a legacy of \$30,000, and legacies had been paid of \$2,000 to Mary Walsh, Miss Partridge's maid, \$1,000 each to Julia Walsh, the cook, and Margaret Hennessy, the laundress; \$500 to James Compton, the butler, and \$100 to the caretaker of the Bond street house.

Grand Nephews Bring Suit.
Charles Henry Sabine and George Partridge Sabine, two grand nephews, began a contest through William P. Burr. This was opposed by J. Hampden Dougherty, who had been Miss Partridge's attorney for a generation.

It was claimed by the contestants that their grand aunt was of unsound mind and unduly influenced in making the will which bore date in 1899. But on the trial to-day Mr. Burr confined the contest to a rigid cross-examination of the subscribing witnesses to the will, Charles C. Hoge, the lawyer, and Dr. Arthur T. Hills, Miss Partridge's physician. It was shown that Dr. Hills, drawn by Miss Partridge in 1893 was almost exactly like the one under contest, and by advice of Mr. Burr the contest was withdrawn and the will of the faithful bride-elect was admitted to probate.

MARRIED IN SYRIA.

Miss Mary Bliss Dale Wedded to Henry Gaylord Dorman.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., March 12.—The news has just reached Montclair from Beirut, Syria, that Miss Mary Bliss Dale, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Gerald F. Dale, jr., has been married to Dr. Henry Gaylord Dorman, the son of Mr. F. W. Dorman, of Upper Montclair.

The bride is a niece of Rev. Howard B. Bliss, D. D., President of the Protestant Synod College at Beirut, and formerly pastor of the Christian Union Congregational Church, Upper Montclair.

World Wants Gain Friends Daily!

1,290 Paid Help Wants in this morning's World.

BUT 564 Paid Help Wants in the 13 other New York papers combined.

AGENTS	12	JANITORS	9
APPRENTICES	8	JANITRESSES	8
BAKERS	6	JEWELLERS	4
BANKERS	6	KITCHENWORK	4
BOOKBINDERS	12	LADIES' TAILORS	12
BOOKKEEPERS	8	LAUNDRESSES	8
BOYS	106	MACHINISTS	14
CANVASEN	8	MEN	17
CARPENTERS	14	MILLINERS	22
CARRIAGE HANDS	8	NECKWEAR	6
CHAUNCEYMADE	28	NEWERS	18
COLLECTORS	8	OPERATORS	46
COMPOSITORS	14	PACKERS	8
COOKS	24	PAINTERS	12
CUTTERS	10	PAPERHANGERS	8
DEWYERS	10	PHOTOGRAPHERS	8
DRUMMAKERS	12	PIANO HANDS	6
DRIVERS	10	PORTERS	10
DRUG CLERKS	8	PRESTERS	15
ELABORATORS	8	SALESLADIES	19
EMBOSSERS	4	SALEMEN	25
ENG. ASSISTANTS	7	SHOE MEN	10
ENGRAVERS	8	SIGN PAINTERS	8
ERRAND BOYS	16	SKIRT HANDS	8
FINISHERS	16	SPRINGMASTERS	12
FINISHERS	16	TAILORS	12
FINISHERS	16	TINSMITHS	16
FINISHERS	16	TUCKERS	9
FINISHERS	16	UNDEVELOPED HANDS	24
FINISHERS	16	WAITERS	14
FINISHERS	16	WAITRESSES	14
FINISHERS	16	WINDOW MEN	8
FINISHERS	16	MISCELLANEOUS	400
HOUSEWORK	120		
IMPROVERS	8	TOTAL	1,290

SUE MUST BE TRIED ALL OVER.

Miss McClellan's Action Against the Rouss Estate Exceeded the Prescribed Two Hours and Is Set Back.

DEFENSE ALLEGES BLACKMAIL.

She Sued the Blind Merchant's Estate for Money Alleged to Have Been Promised in Settlement of Breach of Promise.

Miss Edna Weller McClellan, who set out to raise a fund for the purchase of a home for Rear-Admiral Schley by an endless chain letter scheme and who achieved some fame as a singer, tried, with the assistance of Abraham H. Hummel, to convince Justice Scott and a jury in the Supreme Court to-day that she is entitled to \$25 a week from the estate of Charles Broadway Rouss, the blind merchant, but after the evidence was all in the case was put back on the calendar on a technicality.

Miss McClellan sues under an alleged agreement in writing, dated June 16, 1900, by which she was to be paid for her singing Rouss. There is now due, it is claimed, \$2,700. The suit on trial is for this \$2,700, for under the law she can sue only for the accrued arrears.

The Agreement.
The agreement is made a part of Miss McClellan's complaint, and reads as follows:

"New York City, N. Y., June 16, 1900.
"I, Charles Broadway Rouss, agree with Edna Weller McClellan that if she will agree not to bring any suit against me for any claim she has against me I agree to pay her \$25 each and every week during her lifetime."
(Signed) "C. B. ROUSS."

"Witness: Caroline W. McClellan."
Caroline W. McClellan is the mother of the young woman, and they live in a pretty apartment at No. 106 West Seventy-seventh street with J. W. McClellan, the husband and father and C. W. Clark, Miss McClellan's grandfather.

Miss McClellan was in court with her mother. She is a tall, dark-haired girl of twenty-one, and wore a pretty gown, with a light-blue silk waist. Her mother was clad in black.

Miss McClellan says she first met the eccentric blind millionaire merchant when she was only seventeen years old. She had a rare voice and was an accomplished concert singer and much sought socially. She had been educated at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, in Paris.

Should Have Married Her.
In his opening speech to the jury Mr. Hummel said: "We shall show you that Charles Broadway Rouss promised to marry Miss McClellan. Later, when Miss McClellan's condition became known to him, he repudiated the promise and demanded reparation. He said he was out of it would make trouble. He proposed to pay Miss McClellan \$25 a week, and the agreement was drawn up in the presence of Mr. Rouss, his sister, Mrs. Rouss, and Miss Blanche, his stenographer."

Miss McClellan could not testify as to the affair between her and a dead man, whose estate she was suing, but her mother, Mrs. Caroline W. McClellan, took the stand as the first witness.

The Mother's Testimony.
Mrs. McClellan testified: "On May 21, 1900, I went down to Mr. Rouss. I told him that I knew all and that I would not sue him. He said he was out of it would make trouble. He proposed to pay Miss McClellan \$25 a week, and the agreement was drawn up in the presence of Mr. Rouss, his sister, Mrs. Rouss, and Miss Blanche, his stenographer."

She then related in detail how they had talked the matter over and how, as she alleged, Mr. Rouss finally signed the agreement to pay her daughter \$25 a week for life.

Then Went to Europe.
"I told Mr. Rouss I wanted to take my daughter to Europe, and on June 22, 1900, he paid \$250 for six weeks in advance, at \$25 a week. We went to Europe two and a half years, and Mr. Rouss sent each week during that time and until six weeks before he died."

Mrs. Townsend's cross-examining drew out that the first time her daughter ever saw Mr. Rouss was in October, 1899, when she called at his store at No. 261 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street.

"She and I called there several times after that, before she got her order for the book she wanted to call at his house in Fifth avenue, and we called several times, socially."

Miss McClellan said at first jury with wide, staring blue eyes during her mother's testimony, the first publication of the story of her father's will, which she, blind and decrepit merchant, who paid his help off every night in the night, and she called at his store at No. 261 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, and she called at his store at No. 261 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, and she called at his store at No. 261 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street.

MISS EDNA W. MCCLELLAN, WHO IS SUING ROUSS ESTATE.



Charles Broadway Rouss, and his physician, Dr. William Travers Githus, testified for the defense, the son that he did not see his father execute the "agreement" as had been testified and believed it a forgery; the brother that the signature was a forgery, and Dr. Githus that Rouss was in such a physical condition that Miss McClellan's claim was out of the question.

SMALL DOGS HIS FAVORITE DIET.

Mr. Dodge's St. Bernard Rover Is Formally Banished, Being Too Belligerent for Harlem.

Rover, a mammoth St. Bernard dog of cannibalistic tendencies, was to-day banished from the greater city by Magistrate Cornell in the Harlem Police Court upon the complaint of the owners of a number of small dogs which have been killed and injured. William C. Dodge of No. 261 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, owner of Rover, was fined \$10 for keeping a vicious animal. Here is the record of Rover as shown in court:

Killed.
Skye, presented to Benjamin McGuire, of No. 247 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, by Richard Croker, late leader of Tammany Hall.

Injured.
Blou, high-bred French poodle, owned by Mrs. Caroline M. James, of No. 259 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street; in hands of veterinary surgeon; not expected to recover.

Left, sixty-pound bull terrier, owned by Lawrence Voorhis, of No. 217 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, bitten in the head and body, will probably die.

A score of common street curs without pedigree with injuries more or less serious.

Complaints made in person were further augmented by a petition presented to the court which included the name of nearly every property owner on One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. It set forth that Rover was the terror of Harlem, and while he had never been known to bite a human being he had played sad havoc in the dog world.

Magistrate Cornell ruled that the small dog is entitled to protection and warned Mr. Dodge that unless he sent Rover out of the city he would order that he be killed.

A fine was then imposed. Rover is a well-known dog in the recent dog show and is valued at \$750.

horn and hoof or rough-house fighting. Snyder knows that, so to-day when he decided to shift apartments he took the precaution of lassoing St. Patrick and making the rope fast to a tree.

FURIOUS BUFFALO CAUSES PARK PANIC.

Black Diamond Attacks Keepers and Plunges Through Fence Near Women and Children.

For a long time Black Diamond, the biggest buffalo that ever came out of the alfalfa, has been sweet on Pioneer Mary, a mild-eyed lady buffalo occupying an enclosure in Central Park, near Black Diamond.

The long-distance courtship has been going on for months. Several times Black Diamond snatched all the wooden slats in his mad eagerness to woo the gentle Pioneer. Keeper Snyder has handed him some solar plexes that would put any ordinary buffalo against the ropes.

What made Diamond madder than anything else was when Snyder showed preference for a young dude named St. Patrick, who has a birthday party this week and is feeling very set up about it.

CALLED ON WIFE, THE HUSBAND.

Both of Mr. Mockanten's Eyes Were Black When He Told in Court To-day How He Was Received by Edwards.

HAD JUST COME HOME.

Had Been Absent for a Year and Didn't Know His Wife Was Acquainted with the Visitor, so Sailed In.

J. Parker Edwards, of No. 272 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn, a travelling salesman for a big wholesale dry goods merchant in Manhattan, returned from Cuba on Tuesday. He had been gone more than a year and had heard from his pretty wife regularly by mail in that time.

Mr. Edwards got home shortly after noon and his wife was out. She returned just before dinner time and greeted her husband with a kiss.

On the sideboard Mr. Edwards observed several bottles of expensive wine, but as it was her birthday this caused no comment.

Mr. Edwards was enjoying his cigar after dinner when the bell rang and he heard a man's voice at the door. Edwards hurried to the door and found a well-dressed man, younger than himself.

"What do you want of Mrs. Edwards?" he demanded.

"None of your business," came the prompt rejoinder.

In an instant there was trouble. Edwards brought his fist down on the caller's silk hat with such force that the silk hat fell covered the man's face. This done, Edwards kicked the caller in the stomach and sent him rolling down the steps. Discomfited himself of the battered hat, the caller returned to the fray, but Edwards was the better fighter and after a brief tilt the stranger cried enough.

Mrs. Edwards had witnessed the encounter and had vainly sought to reason with her husband.

A court officer took the husband to the Myrtle Avenue Court on a warrant which charged him with an "assault on Theodore Mockanten, thirty-eight years old, of No. 617 Carroll street."

Mr. Mockanten is a druggist. Both his eyes were discolored when he appeared against Mr. Edwards to-day.

At the sight of the druggist's discolored eyes Edwards made a plea of self defense and in \$300 bail for trial in Special Sessions. Mrs. Edwards was not in court.

HELEN SAFE; HER ABSENCE A MYSTERY

Gone from Home Three Days, but Reappeared at Her Sister's House Last Night.

(Special to The Evening World.)

MOUNT VERNON, March 12.—Mystery still surrounds the strange disappearance of Miss Helen Bonnell, heiress of the estate of the late Richard V. Bonnell, a resident of Mount Vernon, who, after an absence of three days, wandered into the home of her sister in New York last night, ill and exhausted.

The police and her family are trying to conceal the facts. John Hunt, to whom Miss Bonnell is said to be engaged, will only say:

"Yes, thank God, Miss Bonnell has been found. I can't tell you where."

Bert Grant, of the Mount Vernon Police Department, sent out a general notice to seek the bound to look for the missing girl, but to-day he notified Mulberry Street Headquarters to give up the search as Helen was safe.

Miss Bonnell is a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church and formerly sang in the choir. Her sister said, "Helen is at the home of her sister Bonnell, near Fourteenth street. It is all very strange. All I know is that she was taken ill and went to her sister's house."

HE IS NEWSWOMAN'S HEIR.

Son of the Woman Who Lived in Squalor with \$7,000 Files Will.

The will of aged "Bertha Kraft," the crippled newswoman of City Hall Park, who died in squalor and rags in a rear tenement in Pearl street on Tuesday, was filed to-day by Frederick Joseph Kraft, of No. 214 East Eighty-first street, who says he is the only child, sole legatee, sole devisee and sole executor of the will of Eliza E. D. Kraft, otherwise known as Bertha Kraft, and that she left \$7,000 in bank and no real estate.

For this she saved, and starved, and began as follows:

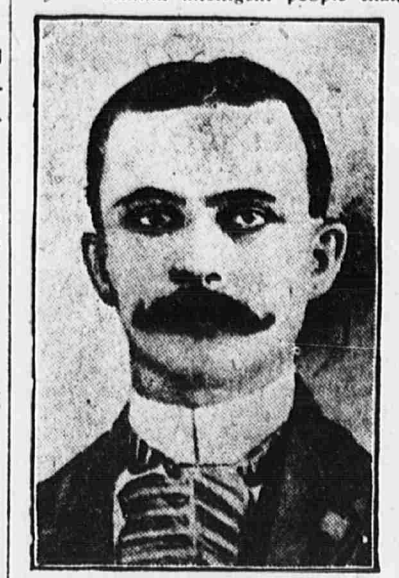
"The will is dated Jan. 19, 1894, and reads as follows: 'I, Bertha Kraft, of No. 267 William street, New York City (near house), aged thirty-three years, do hereby publish that be my last will and testament, I give, devise and bequeath all that I own, to my son, Frederick Joseph Kraft, and twenty-four years, to have and to hold forever.'"

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